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SUBJ: COCOA: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL
COCOA ORGANIZATION (ICCO) MEETINGS

REF: LONDON 3997

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM UK HACKMAN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ICCO, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY
OF STATE, CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT,
AND INVITING THE US TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORK (LETTER
BEING POUCHED).

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2. THE LETTER INFORMS THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT

DURING ITS 4TH SESSION IN MARCH, 1975, THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL (A) DECIDED THAT THE 1972 INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT SHOULD BE RENEGOTIATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNCTAD, (B) REQUESTED THAT A CONFERENCE BE CONVENED SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 17, 1975, AND (C) ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A DRAFT AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL AS A WORK PAPER FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING JUNE 9-13, 1975.

3. THE US IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE ICCO IF WE DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. MOREOVER, ANY WRITTEN PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS RELATING TO A NEW AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE END OF MAY 1975.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: US OBSERVER WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

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